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In re Application of :
Natarajan Ramachandran :
Application No. 10/795,926 : DECISION ON PETITION
Filed: March 8, 2004 :
Attorney Docket No. D-1107 R2 CIP3 :

This is a decision on the "PETITION TO ESTABLISH PRIOR RECEIPT IN THE U.S. PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE OF ITEM(S) CONSIDERED AS OMITTED BY THE U.S. PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE," filed June 21, 2004, which is being treated as a petition under 37 CFR 1.53 to accord the above-identified application a filing date of March 8, 2004, with Figures 21 - 24 of the drawings as part of the original disclosure.

The petition is **GRANTED**.

The application was filed on March 8, 2004. However, on May 28, 2004, the Initial Patent Examination Division mailed a "Notice to File Missing Parts of Nonprovisional Application". The Notice informed applicant that the application had been accorded a filing date. However, Figures 21 - 24 of the drawings appeared to have been omitted.

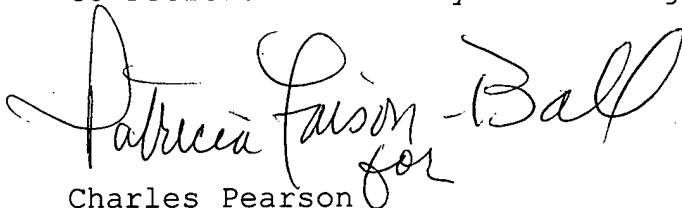
Applicant filed the instant petition on June 21, 2004. Applicant maintains that the application as originally filed included Figures 21 - 24 of the drawings, as evidenced by the postcard receipt identifying this application, itemizing "24 pg Dwg. Sheets" as enclosed, bearing a United States Patent and Trademark Office date-stamp of March 8, 2004, and lacking any notation of non receipt of any item listed.

A postcard receipt which itemizes and properly identifies the items which are being filed serves as *prima facie* evidence of receipt in the Office of all items listed thereon on the date stamped thereon by the Office. See MPEP 503.

Given the basis for granting this petition, no fee was required, and none has been charged.

The application is being forwarded to the Office of Initial Patent Examination (OIPE) for further processing with a filing date of March 8, 2004, using the application papers received in the Office on that date and Figures 21 - 24 of the drawings as resupplied on petition filed June 21, 2004.

Telephone inquiries related to this decision should be directed to Petitions Attorney Cliff Congo at 703-305-0272.

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Patricia Faison-Ball". Below the main signature, the word "for" is written in a smaller, simpler script.

Charles Pearson
Director
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